

# KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 EDUCATION

Agency 359

## Washington Charter School Commission

### Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2013-15 Expenditure Authority</b>	2.1	1,022	17	1,039
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	3.0	1,337	41	1,378
Difference	.9	315	24	339
Percent Change from Current Biennium	42.9%	30.8%	141.2%	32.6%
<b>Performance Changes</b>				
Charter School Oversight Funds		(498)	498	
Increase Oversight Capability	1.5		198	198
DES Central Services		1		1
State Public Employee Benefits Rate		4		4
General Wage Increase for State Employees		26		26
<b>Subtotal</b>	1.5	(467)	696	229
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	4.5	870	737	1,607
Difference	2.4	(152)	720	568
Percent Change from Current Biennium	114.3%	(14.9)%	4,235.3%	54.7%
<b>Total Proposed Budget by Activity</b>				
Charter School Commission	4.5	870	737	1,607
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	4.5	870	737	1,607

### PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

#### Charter School Oversight Funds

Financial support for the Washington State Charter School Commission is shifted from General Fund-State to the Charter School Oversight Account. Transfer amounts are based on projected revenues assuming a 4 percent oversight fee. (General Fund-State, Charter School Oversight Account-State)

#### Increase Oversight Capability

Additional staff is authorized for the Washington State Charter School Commission for oversight, legal compliance and financial accountability for newly created charter schools. (Charter School Oversight Account-State)

#### DES Central Services

Agency budgets are adjusted to update each agency's allocated share of charges and to align with anticipated billing levels from the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) in the 2015-17 biennium, including changes to the enterprise systems fee, personnel services, and small agency financial services.

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### **State Public Employee Benefits Rate**

Health insurance funding is provided for state employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination. Insurance for employees covered by the health insurance coalition is included in funding for their respective collective bargaining agreements. The insurance funding rate is \$913 per employee per month for Fiscal Year 2016 and \$947 per employee per month for Fiscal Year 2017. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

### **General Wage Increase for State Employees**

Funding is provided for wage increases for state employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination. It is sufficient for a general wage increase of 3 percent, effective July 1, 2015; a general wage increase of 1.8 percent for employees who earn \$2,500 a month or more, effective July 1, 2016; and a general wage increase of 1 percent plus a \$20 per month increase for employees who earn less than \$2,500 per month, effective July 1, 2016. This item includes both higher education and general government workers. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

## **ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Charter School Commission**

The Commission is an independent state agency that authorizes high-quality public charter schools throughout Washington, with an emphasis on authorizing schools that offer opportunities for at-risk students. It is one of two types of entities permitted to authorize public charter schools in Washington. The Commission ensures that the highest standards of accountability and oversight apply to these charter schools as provided in RCW 28A.710.070. In furtherance of its responsibilities, the Commission provides leadership and oversight that are consistent with national principles and standards as well as the provisions of the state's charter school law.